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## IT'S CRICKET-NOT WAR

W HEN THE BREAKING up of the happy home was threatened by bodyline backchat, an English sportsman emerged from retirement to draft a cable, now historic: "We will play you cricket." He was the Hon. F. S. Jackson, remembered as one of England's greatest Test batsmen.

Not only the game, but the spirit of the game, was restored by his intervention. Only for the time being, unfortunately, the following English tour in Australia was bodyline all over again in atmosphere. Seldom had we heard so much squealing. By whom? There was no secret. By a section of English writers—"the war correspondents," as they came to be known. Incident and recrimination, unseen from, unheard in, the pavilion were communicated to those writers by certain English players. Definitely, it was all "on the nose."

What now? Bradman has given the English cricket authorities and the English people an assurance that his team will play the game. Accompanying that assurance was a plea—obviously directed to "the war correspondents"—not to concentrate on incidents, inseparable from tense contests, but to rest content with a job of factual reporting and fair comment.

Frankly, we do not believe that certain of the English writers—those who cover their incompetence as critics by livid reporting—will suffer restaint. They will roast Bradman. The Australian captain can take it. Can the game go on taking it; the game as it should be played between England and this country? That question must be faced—now.

We of Tattersall's Club, with a sporting tradition dating back to 1858, are concerned with the game only. Whether England or Australia wins the rubber is of secondary importance. Likewise whether Bradman makes a century or a duck. We have no heroes or no national prejudice, often miscalled national pride.

We owe no duty to individuals, but we acknowledge a time-honoured obligation to sport and sportsmanship. As we seek no favours, we suffer no fears in plain speaking. Cordially we wish that the spirit of the Hon. F. S. Jackson will live in these games as an exemplary code, alike for the English and the Australians.



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# The Club Man's Diary

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15th J. L. Ruthven
16th Frank E. Shepherd

A T a meeting of the Committee of Tattersall's Club, the chairman (Mr. S. E. Chatterton), presented hon. life membership badges each to Mr. W. W. Hill, who had been chairman for 14 years, and Mr. T. T. Manning, who had been secretary for 25 years.

M EMBERS are pleased again to greet on the sunny side after spells in hospital: Dan Murray, W. L. Brainard and Dan Lewis.

A MASTER BAKER from Brisbane declared himself after a crack at Randwick recently: "It's said that a bootmaker should stick to his last. Similarly, a baker should stick to his dough."

A LISTER CLARK, Chairman of Moonee Valley Racing Club, and the man after whom the £5,000 Alister Clark Stakes is named, has raised the first pink daffodil.

ROGLISH newspaper's comment:
Gordon Richards, winning his
260th race this season, beats his
own and every other record in the
history of the sport. How explain
his success? Balance? Control?
Understanding of horses? All
count. But in the end it comes
down to one thing—individuality.
There is no more valuable quality.
The nation which fosters it cannot
fail to win.

JIM PORTUS has sent us a programme of the Grand Athletic and Cycling Carnival held on Sydney Cricket Ground on January 4, 1901, in connection with the Commonwealth's inaugural celebrations. Jim's father, the late Mr. John Portus, was General Secretary of the Commonwealth Celebrations.

A. J. HOPKINS, international cricketer, took part in the lacrosse long-throwing championship. Competitors in the throwing-the-cricket-ball championship included Victor Trumper, Syd and Charlie Gregory, Clem Hill, Dan Gee and Jack Marsh (abo. bowler). In the baseball long-strike championship, Monty Noble, Victor Trumper, Dan Gee and J. J. Kelly competed. F. C. Fritter, N.S.W. representive Rugby Union three-quarter, competed in the 120 yards and high jump, and Nigel Barker in the 100 yards G.P.S. championship.

TIMEKEEPERS included W. T. Kerr and his brother W. L. and the latter was hon. handicapper in the cycling section.

ENGLISH professionals chosen to play in the Tests against Australia will be paid at the rate of £15 a day—£75 in all, for five days' cricket. Both, the 12th man and the umpires will get £50, and in the final Test the rate will be increased pro rata should the match exceed five days. Minimum charges for the Tests: Lord's, and the Oval, 4/-; Nottingham, Leeds and Manchester, 3/6. All other matches, 2/6.

W HEN the greys were winning, a veteran sportsman recalled an uproar at Randwick after Canteen, a grey from N.Z., had been placed second to Cruciform. On the strength of that run, Sir Rupert Clarke paid 3000 guineas for Canteen and set it for the Caulfield Cup. Canteen ran nowhere. There was another uproar, and Sir Rupert retired the moke.

M ERRIMENT in a golf club was disturbed by the ringing of the telephone. Back came a message to one of the party, who had delayed overlong: "Your wife is calling." He said to the steward as he hastened to depart: "Just tell her nicely that I left five minutes ago."

When he arrived at his car, who should be sitting in it, but his wife! She had spoken from the public telephone outside the golf house.

THESE rules will apply to the matches against the Australians:

1. The new ball can still be taken after 55 overs.

2. The declaration on the first day of first-class matches is to continue, but does not apply to Tests.

3. Umpires will still be the sole judges of the suspension of play because of bad light. But an important addition to the rule reads: "The umpires must make their decision and act upon it without conferring with the captain of the fielding side or any of the players."

#### DEATHS.

WE regret to record the passing of the following members since last issue.

LANGLEY, GEO.
Elected 19/10/1896.
Died 14/4/1948.
HAMILTON, H. E.
Elected 23/8/1943.
Died 17/4/1948.
HOBAN, A.
Elected 14/11/1927.
Died 23/4/1948.



# TATTERSALL'S CLUB 157 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 9th June, 1948, at 8 o'clock p.m.

#### BUSINESS:

(a) To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on the 7th May, 1947, and Special General Meetings of Members held on the 17th March and 19th April, 1948.

(b) To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements for the year ended 29th February, 1948.

(c) To elect a Chairman. Mr. S. E. Chatterton retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

(d) To elect a Treasurer. Mr. John Hickey retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

(e) To elect Eight Members to serve on the Committee for One Year. Messrs. F. J. Carberry, G. Chiene, A. G. Collins, A. J. Matthews, G. J. C. Moore, J. A. Roles, F. G. Underwood and Donald Wilson are the retiring Members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.

(f) To elect an Auditor or Auditors. Messrs. Horley & Horley and Starkey & Starkey retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

(g) To Transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION :

Mr. A. E. Grounds has given notice that he will move at the Annual General Meeting of Members—

"That the membership of Tattersall's Club be increased from 2,000 to 2,500."

N.B.—Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer, or Member of Committee, signed by two Members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, will be received by the Acting Secretary up to 5 p.m. on the 18th May, 1948.

Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 1st June, 1948.

M. D. J. DAWSON,

Acting Secretary.

# Photo Finishes in Club's May Double

Feature of Tattersall Club's main double at the May meeting at Randwick was the calling for photos to determine winners of the Flying (Puffham) and the James Barnes Plate (Blue Legend) respectively. The close finishes were a tribute to handicapper Fred Wilson.

PUFFHAM staged a last then first performance, as at his previous start he whipped in in a Canterbury sprint, but that was his first outing following a spell and he was well placed to the home turn. Puffham didn't carry public confidence, four

horses being preferred to him in the betting, the consistent Mine Host, raced by A. T. McLauchlan, being the elect.

The three-year-old found the company slightly beyond him, but he didn't get away too cleanly.

Vermeil, introduced late in the

A thrilling contest over the final furlong resulted in a head win for Blue Legend (who finished on the outside), Coalition second being a similar distance in advance of Frontal Attack.

It was apparent from the Official Stand that Blue Legend had won the Plate, but in all close finishes the judge signals the "photo-finish," even though he may be confident of the result.

### **CURIOUS PRIZES**

THERE were curious prizes for Victoria's first horse races. The ladies used to contribute a bag to be raced for. These bags, formed in the shape of a gigantic pillow, and made of some rich velvet, corded and tasselled, were filled with every kind of bachelor's requirements, from a saddle to a tooth-brush, and often included "infantile articles suggestive of matrimony." All the riders had to be "bachelors and gentlemen," and the horses untrained.

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Chairman S. E. Chatterton and the Hon. R. R. Downing LL.B., M.L.C., Minister for Justice, at the Official Race Meeting Luncheon table.

betting, shaped moderately, as did topweight Star Vite.

Puffham, an aged gelding, has won numerous sprints and in good class company. Field he met on this occasion wasn't of quality defeated by him on some prior occasions.

In the James Barnes Plate the big crowd thought the tearaway pacemaker Petulance, after getting a lead of twenty lengths, would see the journey out, but the tactics proved his undoing and Petulance "walked" over the final furlong.

None of the riders of the other horses tried to bring him back to the field, simply permitting Petulance to "die" once the serious business began.

Blue Legend's return to winning form was a welcome change of luck for Mrs. Herbert Field. Club member Bill McDonald went pretty close with Coalition, who was slightly hampered for room in the closing stages, but he appeared to have been beaten on his merits.

Blue Legend, as winner of two Doncasters and an Epsom, was easily the class horse of the field, but this was his first success over the middle distance. He may now be set for the long and important events of the spring, including A.J.C. Metropolitan, the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups.

The Club was favoured by a brilliantly fine day and a big crowd.





Top: Official guests are seen in genial conversation with members of the Committee.

Centre: A Scene taken from another section of the luncheon room.

Bottom: Finish of The James Barnes Plate. Blue Legend (1) on the outside, winning from Coalition (centre) and Frontal Attack (rails), who finished in that order.



Tattersall's Club Magazine, May, 1948.

# BRADMAN'S SANE REPLY

Don Bradman gave English critics the retort courteous regarding the possible "Noballing" of fast bowler Ray Lindwall in England. "Solely a matter for the umpires," he said, in effect. There is nothing wrong with English umpiring—we can rest content on that.

BRITISH umpires have received their greatest compliment by the M.C.C.'s new decision to suspend for 1948 the rule which, for nearly 50 years, has debarred them from officiating in matches in which their own county has been engaged.

While agreeing wholeheartedly that the established impartiality of our umpires is well worthy of this new responsibility. I think the decision, recommended by the counties, is more expedient than wise. Mistakes inevitably made down the years have been accepted without the slightest question in English cricket because of the independence of our officials. In certain circumstances next year a mistake may be interpreted with all the distastefulness associated with bias. And that would be a bad thing for cricket.

The advantages of the new idea

are that it makes the task of allocating matches easier, cuts down travelling and the umpires will be able to revisit their old ground.

#### The Best Umpire.

F. Root, for instance, will now be able to stand in Derbyshire, Worcestershire and Leicestershire games, C. N. Woolley in Kent and Northants matches, Frank Lee, instead of opening for Somerset, may be able to take charge of a complete game there. Worcestershire may be able to see the most celebrated of them all, their former player, Frank Chester.

Chester is regarded as the best umpire in the world and has officiated in 33 Test matches. The loss of his right forearm in the first World War cut short his career as a cricketer when he was in his early twenties. When only 17 he showed exceptional form as a batsman for Worcestershire. He became an umpire at 25.

Next year Chester is to have a testimonial sponsored by the M.C.C. and each county club is being asked to organise a collection. Suggested target figures are: £150 for a first-class county and £10 for minor counties clubs.

Guy L. Willatt, last year's Cambridge University skipper and Nottinghamshire left-hand batsman, is now on the teaching staff of Edinburgh Academy and will be in charge of their cricket this season.

FROM the advertisement of a Sydney firm: In England when it's cold they ride to hounds. Riding to hounds is a public service performed by the privileged in the interests of the Sporting Spirit. Only the privileged, as you know, have the Sporting Spirit. The underprivileged have that reprehensible thing called the gambling instinct.



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# Golf Drives at 180 M.P.H.

By Frank Lane in "London Calling."

A N unusual experiment was once carried out in a London club. It was to find the maximum speed at which a billiard ball could be made to travel. The result showed that a billiard ball, when hit very hard by an experienced player, travels at about twenty-two miles an hour. And when you consider that a first-class sprinter, doing the 100-yards in the expert time of ten seconds travels at only twenty miles an hour, you will agree that that was a surprising speed.

These speeds are found by two methods; the high-speed camera and the photo-electric cell.

The twenty-two-mile-an-hour billiard ball is one of the slowest speeds in sport. In football the ball sometimes leaves the toes in a very hard kick at about thirty-five miles an hour. That may not sound very fast, but this is what it means in terms of energy.

A good, hard-hitting tennis-player can cause his racket to travel at such a speed that the gut hits the ball at about sixty miles an hour. That means that the ball will spring away from the racket at about eighty miles an hour. During the championships at Forest Hills and Wimbledon, speeds much faster than this have been reached, and I understand that Big Bill Tilden holds the world's speed record for a driven tennis ball—150 miles an hour!

In cricket, the ball often travels at high speed. One of the fastest bowlers we ever had was Harold Larwood. How fast do you think he could send a ball down the pitch? Ninety miles an hour was his speed in his prime.

The world's speed record for a thrown baseball is 140 feet per second, or ninety-five miles an hour. Incidentally, I understand this is about the speed that an ice-hockey puck travels after a hefty swipe at goal.

Some of the greatest speeds in ball games are reached in golf. The American golfer, Gene Sarazen, once carried out some speed tests in conjunction with a racing car. It was found that the ball left the clubhead at 130 miles an hour. The car passed Sarazen at the moment of striking the ball, and both car and ball were timed. But 130 miles an hour is not the fastest speed at which a golf ball has been driven: Wood Platt once drove one at 180 miles an hour.

An American professional golfer

once obtained startling proof of what such speeds as these mean in terms of energy. He got a telephone directory containing over 500 pages, and almost an inch thick, and stood it on end four feet in front of the tee. Then he drove off with all his might. It was proved afterwards that the ball sprang away from the club-head at 114 miles an hour. And when it reached the directory it tore its way clean through, and rolled about 100 yards further on.



# Lord Roseberry on Blood Stock

Lord Rosebery, senior steward of the Jockey Club, raised strong objection to the extensive importation by British owners of poor-class French horses simply to race in England. He was referring, he said, to French animals bought for breeding purposes.

S PEAKING as president of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, he stated that while oats and other fodder are still severely rationed, he could not see why "we should have to feed these additional horses, whose purchase amounts to several hundred thousand pounds.

"The Ministry of Agriculture, with whom I have been in touch," continued Lord Rosebery, "is alive to the objections and difficulties of this subject."

Since the war, bloodstock values in this country have soared, and sound, useful horses of any class have been difficult to buy in England. Many owners who are not breeders, and to whom the buying of yearlings does not appeal, have had strong inducement to extend to France their search for horses readymade for immediate sport. None can say that racing has been rendered less attractive by this development.

It is an abnormal feature created by abnormal conditions, some of which are passing. Only as long as the opportunity of buying French horses is attractive will it be continued on the present scale, and considering other factors besides that of rationed fodder it seems to me a mistake to place an embargo on it.

Lord Rosebery said he was perturbed at the yearling sales by the fact that the big prices were almost entirely for animals which have no pretensions to staying more than a mile, if as far.

"People want to cash in quickly with speedy two-year-olds," he stated. "If they buy animals that require time, as most stayers do, something, they fear, may happen in the meantime. If ever conditions become more settled," Lord Rosebery continued, "I think you will see a difference. It is not more long-distance races that are required, welcome though they may be, but a greater feeling of security among owners."

#### Blue Train and Howdah.

Lord Rosebery referring to the sale by the National Stud of Blue Train and Howdah, said the impression was becoming stronger that the Stud was simply a moneymaking business and not for the benefit of the thoroughbred in this country.

"I hope," he added, "that the Ministry of Agriculture will soon let breeders know exactly what to expect from the National Stud."

A proposal by the Duke of Norfolk that the Minister of Agriculture should be asked to receive a deputation from the association, headed by Lord Rosebery, to discuss the policy of the National Stud, was unanimously carried.

Lord Rosebery announced that the amount of foreign money

> spent at the recent yearling exceeded sales £233,000. The sale abroad of British thoroughbreds produced £3,000,000 in the first nine months of the year, and this sum will be greatly supplemented at the current New-

market sales.

## Lo, the Poor Writer

H. L. MENCKEN calls writing "the worst trade of them all."
"A man writing," he says, "must sit in a room alone, tortured by every sensation that flits through his carcass, and with his mind a prey to all the fears and hallucinations that have haunted humanity since the Ice Age. Every other man who uses his head professionally has other people in front of him to divert and console him; but the poor author, like the deep-sea diver, must fight it out alone.

"Into his room he goes with the heavy step of a felon approaching the electric chair, and there he sits in solitary wretchedness until his day's stint is finished, and he emerges in misery to meditate upon its badness, and to pray that in his next incarnation he will be a band leader, a baseball umpire, or a traffic cop."

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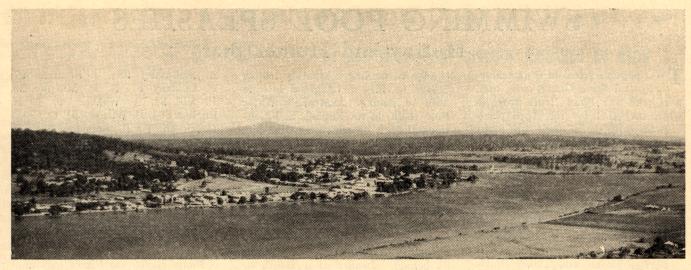
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# ANGLE ON THE BRITISH NATIONAL STUD

Discussing in the "Daily Mail" the English sale of thoroughbreds, Robin Goodfellow wrote:

D ISAPPOINTMENT will be felt by the assembled experts that the National Stud did not submit Blue Train to auction instead of selling him by private treaty for an unstated sum to a stud in Eire.

By Blue Peter (2,000 Guineas, Derby, and Eclipse winner) out of Sun Chariot (1,000, Oaks, and St. Leger), unbeaten Blue Train was bred at the National Stud. The practice there of selling the colts as yearlings was not followed in his case, and he was leased to the King for his racing career. The lease terminated when Fred Darling found that the colt's training could not be continued owing to the dry weather.

In view of Blue Train's value as a stallion and the public character of the State-controlled National Stud. British breeders regret that neither they nor foreign buyers were given an opportunity to bid for the horse in the open market.

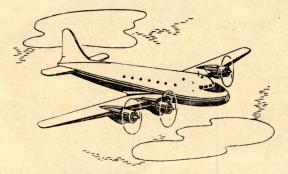
Blue Peter's services, no doubt, will be available in Eire to a limited number of British breeders, but one question raised by this sale is whether the National Stud should be conducted with a broader concern for the general interests of British bloodstock breeders, or con-

tinue to adhere to the commercial policy which has contributed substantial profit to the State.

The opinion, however, is growing that the functions of our National Stud should be extended for the greater and direct benefit of English bloodstock.

Good stallions might be acquired and placed at the disposal of breeders of all classes at small fees, as is done by the State establishment in France. One of the stallions there, standing at a nominal fee, produced the mighty Souverain.

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# SWIMMING POOL SPLASHES

## Murray and Hunter Star

TWO popular triers in Stuart Murray and Dave Hunter won their first post-war Point Score trophies when they tied for the April prize.

Both have been close up many times, but always seemed to be fated to be pipped on the post at the end, though Murray finished second in the 1946-1947 Point Score.

Half-way through the month Don Wilson appeared to have a mortgage on his first trophy, but absence from the fourth race of the series put him out of the running.

Bert Solomon and Harry Davis entered the race winning list after a long time, the former showing his appreciation of an extra second given him by the handicapper by lowering his time to 27 3-5 seconds in a heat win.

Carl Phillips won a heat in the smart time of 20-secs., but brother Bill beat him to a final win by scoring on April 27th over 40 yards in 22 1-5-secs. This event belongs to the May Point Score so Bill has a

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chance of landing a monthly trophy before he flies to England late in May to manage Australia's Water Polo team on its English and Continental tour, on which we wish him the best of luck.

Clive Hoole, last season's winner, is making the pace a cracker in this season's Point Score and is going to take some catching. However the first event of the May series brought a couple of challengers closer to him, Murray being only 5½ points, Lorking 7 and K. Hunter 8½ behind. Leader of a month or so ago, Arthur McCamley, is 13 points behind Hoole as the result of a few weeks' vacation.

This season's racing will end on 13th July, the current monthly Point Score running to 18th May, the next to 15th June and the final series to 13th July.

#### Results:

40 Yards Handicap, 30th March: J. Shaffran (24) 1; D. Wilson (26) 2, S. Murray (24) 3. secs.

80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap. 6th April: C. Hoole and D. Wilson (49) 1, D. B. Hunter and C. B. Phillips (46) 2, G. McGilvray and S. Lorking (45) 3. Time 47-secs.

40 Yards Handicap, 13th April: S. B. Solomon (29) 1; P. Lindsay (26) 2, C. B. Phillips (20) 3. Time 27 4-5-secs.

80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap, 20th April: S. Murray and H. E. Davis (47) 1, S. Lorking and D. B. Hunter (49) 2, J. Shaffran and W. B. Phillips (46) 3. Time 45-

40 Yards Handicap, 27th April: W. B. Phillips (23) 1, S. Murray (24) 2, K. Hunter (24) 3. Time, 22 1-5-secs.

S. Murray and D. B. Hunter, 22 points, 1; S. Lorking 20, 3; C. B. Phillips 19, 4; D. Wilson,  $18\frac{1}{2}$ , 5; C. Hoole, 18, 6; S. B. Solomon, 17, 7; P. Lindsay 16, 8; J. Shaffran 15, 9; P. Gunton, 14½, 10; K. Hunter

To the end of April the leaders were: C. Hoole 1111, S. Murray 106, S. Lorking 1041, K. Hunter 103,  A. McCamley 98½, J. Shaffran 97,
 P. Lindsay 87, N. P. Murphy 85,
 P. Hill 80, A. Webber 79, T. H. English 66½, D. Wilson 65½, C. Chatterton 65, S. B. Solomon 64½, H. E. Davis 59½, D. B. Hunter 59, B. Chiene 521, P. Gunton 51.

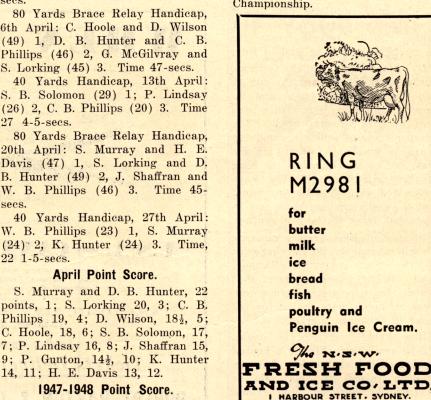
#### HANDBALL.

After a long series of well contested games the Club Handball champions of 1947/1948 have been crowned with the laurel wreaths of victory.

Eddie Davis, the Club's outstanding player, retained his title of Club Champion by defeating George McGilvray in the final by 21-12, 21-

In the "B" Grade championship final Peter Lindsay defeated Clarrie Woodfield 21-13, 21-11.

After starting off with a win in the first game by 21-19 over Harry English, "Mick" Murphy fell away badly in the other two and went down 10-21 and 14-21, thus giving English victory in the "C" Grade Championship.





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### BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER TOURNAMENTS

Joe Davis, retired world snooker champion, is to receive a present from his wide circle of admirers.

FOR 20 years on the mantelpiece in Joe Davis's home stood a beautiful silver trophy. scription told the inquisitive observer that his personable host was the snooker champion of the world. Then Joe Davis retired, undefeated. and a newly crowned champion, Walter Donaldson, took it away. Somehow the mantelpiece didn't look quite the same.

But the vacant space on the mantelpiece is going to be filled. His fellow players, fully realising that Joe Davis has made the game of snooker the tremendous thing it is to-day, suggested a testimonial to the Master. Like a forest fire, the idea spread around and at a meeting in London's Albany Club many groups came together to decide what form it should take.

As plans now stand a replica will be bought, together with a silver tea set and tray. The tray will have an inscription recording some of the astonishing feats Joe has accomplished.

It is intended to have around the borders facsimile signatures of great snooker contemporaries here, in Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

Then friends of stage, screen, sport and radio will inscribe their names. People like Jack Train, Sid Field (for stage folk), Stanley Rous (for football), the Rev. J. Hall-Yarr (for billiards), and many others will record the good wishes of clubs and organisations all over the country.

It is typical of the man that he said firmly when the idea was started: "No money, please." Any sum left over when the trophy, tea set and tray are purchased goes to a charity of Joe's choosing.

I feel that Britain's cuemen will be glad to chip in and the news from around the country bears me out. From Cardiff comes a suggestion that club players give a bob each and the club itself at additional expression.

Yorkshire said, briefly but concisely as ever: "Give Champion what he wants."

# Billiards and Snooker Tournament Results to May 7

SNOOKER.

W. Longworth	Rec.	10 beat	E. E. Davis	Rec.	50	by 42
A. J. Chown	,,	25	H. J. Robertson	Scra		., 37
C. E. Young	,,	30	C. C. Hoole	Rec.	55	., 5
J. Harris	,,	50 ,,	A. Page		55	,, 37
L. H. Howarth		35 ,,	R. H. Abbott	"	45	,, 23
N. Seamonds	,,	55 ,,	I. Green	,,	55	,, 12
D. F. Graham	,,	45	W. H. Davies	,,	45	,, 43
W. Forster	2,	50 ,,	R. H. Tobias	"	50	Forfeit
J. I. Armstrong	,,	50 ,,	A. J. Kellett	,,	50	,, 5
R. L. Ball	,,	50 ,,	A. T. Norton	",	55	Forfeit
Jack Davis	,,	55 ,,	H. H. Robinson	,,	35	32
W. H. Relton	,,	50 ,,	W. M. Hannan		50	., 12
C. K. Macdonald	,,	40 ,,	M. E. Farley		40	,, 29
S. R. Relton	,,	50 ,,	F. A. Tinworth	,,	60	,, 25
F. J. Geddes	,,	50 ,,	A. H. Stocks		50	,, 17
K. F. E. Fidden	,,	30 ,,	Chas. Rich	,,		Forfeit
J. Eaton	,,	35 ,,	S. Peters	,,	40	,, 8
						"

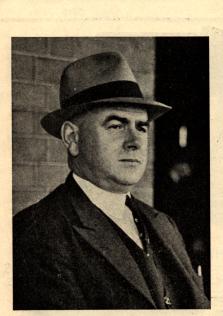
		BILL	IARDS.			
J. Harris	Rec. 10	0 beat	C. C. Hoole	Rec.	110	by 75
E. W. Abbott	,, 12	5 ,,	A. Buck			Forfeit
G. H. Booth	,, 12	5 ,,	L. H. Howarth	,,	95	,, 56
E. A. Davis	,, 4	The state of the s	R. Hutchinson			,, 22
J. Eaton	,, 8		J. A. Roles		90	
L. J. Haigh	,, 10		R. L. Ball			Forfeit
W. Laforest		0 ,,	A. R. Buckle	,,	75	,, 14
Jack Davis	., 12	77	A. M. Watson	**	90	,, 55
J. R. Coen	,, 9		W. S. Edwards			,, 2
G. Fienberg	,, )	0 ,,	R. M. Colechin	,,	100	,, 6



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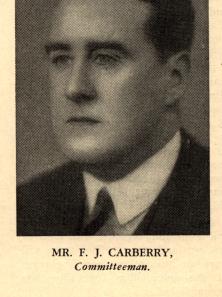


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### MURDERING THE KING'S ENGLISH

When Beatrice Lillie, the British comedienne, encountered Gracie Allen on her radio show some murderous things happened to the King's English.

POSING as an English woman, Gracie (according to the script) went to call on Miss Lillie. There was a door knock and Miss Lillie's response: "Yes?"

This is what happened thereupon: Gracie: May I speak to Beatrice Lillie?

Lillie: To put it briefly, you just did.

Gracie: Well, blimey, governor, it's deucedly what-ho to shake your jolly old tosh and all that sort of pip-pip.

Lillie: Please, not so fast. I've been out of touch with American

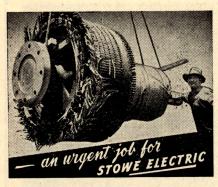
slang.

Gracie: But that wasn't American slang. I was speaking English.

Lillie: We could argue that point. Gracie: I always speak English when I meet someone from the beastly old homeland.

Lillie: You're a fellow Britisher? Gracie: No, I'm a girl Britisher.

. . And by jeeves, governor, it's so good to see someone from England again! You're like a breath right out of the pub.



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Lillie: I do feel a bit woozy . . . just who are you, my dear?

Gracie: Before my marriage I was a titled Englishwoman like yourself. My father was the earl of Allen.

Lillie: I don't recall the earl of Allen. Did he have a coat of arms?

Gracie: O, yes, and a trouser of legs, too.

Lillie: Good! I admire a well-dressed man.

Gracie: But I married a commoner—an American blighter named Burns.

Lillie: I see. You married someone beneath you.

Gracie: O, no; he's as tall as I am . . . but my family had a perfectly top-hole tizzy when I left our home in Burkly Square.

Lillie: As one nightingale to another, that is pronounced Barkley Square.

Gracie: O, of course! In America one has so little chance to use the mother tongue.

Lillie: How nice for mother!

Gracie: As I was saying, no one approved of this American. Everyone in Barkley Square said, "What a jark!"

Lillie: We British express ourselves so cleverly.

Gracie: Too true, governor. I could have had my pick of husbands. Our house was always full of the most prominent people in England. You know, chaps like the king and queen.

Lillie: O natch. No doubt you knew Winnie Churchill.

Gracie: Of course I knew Winnie . . . and her husband, too.

Lillie: Delightful old girl, isn't she?

Gracie: One of the best, governor. Ah, those were the happy days in London! You're a Londoner, aren't you?

Lillie: It's been my home for years, but I was born in Surrey.

Gracie: With a fringe on top? Lillie: No, I was as bald as an egg.

Gracie: Ah, what a treat it is to be with my own kind again! It

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Lillie: Yes, you can't destroy it single-handed. However, you're putting up a good fight!



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# The Old Familiar Squeeze

History of Taxation in Britain as reviewed by an English writer, might carry some consolation for Australian taxpayers.

OUR CLOTHES, diet, homes, transport, the way we live and think have all been shaped by Budgets. Lloyd George's Budget of 1909, with its crippling death duties, broke up the landed estates, transforming the social life of the English country and so upsetting the fabric of our agriculture that we feel the effects to-day in our food rationing. In 1828 the Budget put a heavy duty on steam carriages.

The year Napoleon went to Moscow the first horseless carriage drove from London to Bath at 15 miles an hour. It drove by steam.

In the 50 years that followed before the first motor-car appeared steam transport by road could have progressed so far that the internalcombustion engine would have been superfluous.

Six generations were stunted, had their eyesight ruined by the window tax (Budget of 1698) that lasted till 1851. When it was highest (1831) infant mortality was 348 per thousand (it is now 49). With 3/- payable on every venthole, windows, shafts, and apertures were blocked

to dodge the tax. Houses were even built without windows.

Wigs went out because of a Budget. Pitt taxed hair powder in 1795. Powdered wigs (they saved daily curling) had been the fashion for 60 years. A quarter of a million people paid Pitt's powder tax the first year. Then they threw away their wigs and let their hair grow.

In 1703 Methuen imposed high duties on French wines in order to stimulate the sale of port and bring Portugal into Marlborough's wars on our side. French wines paid £55 a ton; port paid £7. So everyone drank too much port (doctored port). It now represented 72 per cent. of all the wine drunk in England. Gout resulted.

Newspapers to-day are cramped by paper shortage. From 1712 till 1855 they were throttled by the stamp duties that came in with the Budget of 1712. When the duty came off new publications were started at the rate of 1,000 a year.

But some Budgets actually had a good effect. If Methuen's duties made people drink too much of the wrong thing, the 18th-century Budgets that sent the gin duties soaring stopped parish nurses feeding babies on gin and gave the labourer his taste for beer.

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# It's Cold Without Coal in England

Sydney inhabitants are warned of drastic cuts in electricity supply during coming months. Growlers abound on all sides, but by comparison with English residents we are not so badly off, by comparison, as the following letter shows.

P. R. W. IDRIS JONES has been telling an audience of boys and girls at the Royal Society of Arts that "It is almost a heinous offence to burn a piece of pure coal without first treating it and extracting its by-products."

In other words, it is very nearly a sin to light a coal fire.

Robert Browning has a poem about a sinner which ends with the lines:

# How sad and bad and mad it was:

#### But then how it was sweet!

and that is more or less what I feel about the sin of lighting a coal fire. Economically it may be both mad and bad, but, oh!—in the days when coal could be ordered by the ton—how it was sweet!

#### Sight and Sound.

When I was a small child in the nursery the coldest day dawned

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happily as my aged nurse put a match to the bedroom fire and the sticks began to crackle and the flames to leap above the coal. The sound of a coal fire and the sight of a coal fire are company of a kind provided by no labour-saving stove or radiator.

Larks singing on a spring morning are scarcely better. If one had heard of Pippa at that age one would have agreed with her, as one's nurse put the kettle on to boil and got ready to wet the tea (as she phrased it), that all was right with the world.

There is no winter in a room containing a crackling fire, a kettle, a teapot, a nurse, two or three children, and a supply of tea, sugar and milk in the cupboard.

It was almost a pleasure to be ill in such a room with someone coming at intervals all through the day to put more coal on and send the coloured flames dancing up the chimney again.

#### In the Darkness.

And what luxury it was, when night came, and the gas was put out, to lie in the illumined darkness in the companionship of the flickering flames that played impish tricks with the shadows on the ceilings and walls!

If I were a rich man and could get plenty of coal I think I should have a coal fire burning in my bedroom every night, except during a heat wave, merely for the poetry of the thing. Economically it might be almost a heinous offence; but I have committed more heinous sins than that, though I have always drawn the line at having potatoes peeled before boiling them.

Even the fairly poor, however, could till recently enjoy the paradise of a coal fire. I have seen a six-shilling-a-week attic in Pimlico turned into a nook of delights as a match was put to the sorry handful of coal in the grate at midnight and a store of the sun's warmth was released at which to heat a couple of saveloys. One lived a life of pleasure so long as the coal lasted and, as one smoked one's Woodbine, one did not envy the South African millionaire his eigar.

I admit there was a time when I looked on coal as an enemy and a modern innovation. This was when I stayed in the country during the summer holidays and saw

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the old open turf fires—those heaped bonfires of wonder and warmth that gave out a scent as sweet as the moss roses in the garden—being ousted in the farmyard kitchens in favour of the coal-fed ranges of the townsman. A countryside without turf fires and horses, how the heart sank at the prospect of it, yet it has almost come to pass.

I think I must be a Conservative in everything except politics; for I have seldom known a change in the conduct of life which I have regarded as a change for the better. If I had lived in the time of Cobbett I should have probably agreed with him in deploring the way in which wax candles had taken the place of his grandmother's rushlights. Up to Scientists.

There is no use in indulging in lamentations, however. Gas and electricity—perhaps something worse -are no doubt the fuels of the future; and the best thing we can hope for is that the scientists will discover some means by which they will be made as companionable as the old coal and turf fires. A coal fire is exhilarating as none of the more modern styles of heating is. To me, in the room heated in the modern fashion, the air seems no longer to circulate, but to settle down into stagnation that dulls the brain and the spirits.

Let the scientists look into the matter and invent an up-to-date heating apparatus as cheerful and as friendly as a coal fire so that it may be possible for a poet of the future in the fullness of his joy to write a sonnet to a gas stove.

#### THIS IS WHAT THEY DO.

A man when he's happy will celebrate, A dog will go chasing a cat,

A rooster will crow and a whale will blow,

But a woman will buy a hat.

A man in his sorrow will turn to drink, A tyre when punctured goes flat.

A preacher will pray and a horse will neigh,

But a woman will buy a hat,

A man when he's idle finds mischief to do,

A child turns into a brat,

An owl's galoot who don't give a hoot, But a woman exchanges the hat.

-Wall Street Journal.

#### ODDS AREN'T ALWAYS EVEN.

HERE are a few facts about the laws of chance which you can use to promote conversation, and probably argument, among your friends. For instance:

If you were betting on the toss of a coin and heads had come up ten times in a row, which is more likely to come up on the eleventh throw...heads or tails? Neither! It's a 50-50 chance whether heads or tails comes up, since the ten throws that have gone before have have no bearing on the probability of the eleventh toss.

Your chance of being dealt 13 spades in a bridge hand is exactly the same as that of being dealt any other specified 13 cards . . . 1 in . . . 635,013,559,559.

In poker, the chances that certain combinations will be dealt you is equal to the chance they will be dealt to your opponents, which should guide you in your betting.

You have one chance in 1½ of being dealt a pair: 1 in 20 of getting two pairs; 1 in 46 of getting three

of a kind; 1 in 254 of getting a straight; 1 in 4164 of getting four of a kind; 1 in 64,973 of getting a straight flush.

In throwing two dice, the odds are 35 to 1 against your making any given double, as two fives or two sixes.

#### HIGH FINANCE!

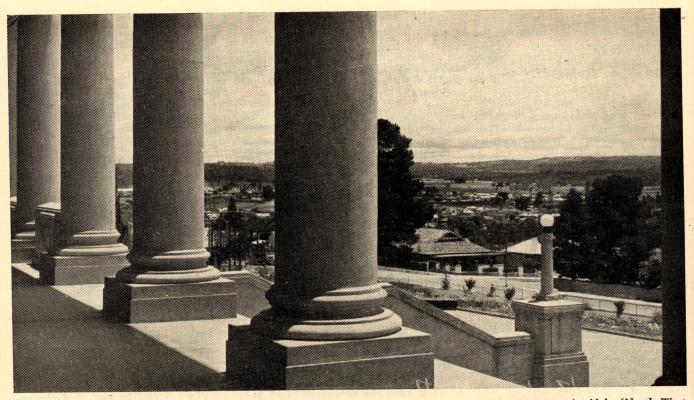
A TENANT paying £10/10/- a week for a flat in Manchester Square, W., told the Paddington Rent Tribunal that in addition he had to pay his landlord 10 per cent. of every bill be incurred.

Mr. Aubrey West, the tenant, said he had to pay the percentage on a cable costing £7. It also went on his laundry, phone, newspapers, milk and electricity bills.

There was no kitchen to the flat, and he had to buy an electric ring so that his wife could heat the baby's milk.

The tribunal decided that the accounts were too complex to give an immediate finding.





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Tiberius, while pleased with the gift, has ordered the glass blower beheaded lest the new material, because of its extraordinary durability render gold and silver valueless.—

O LYMPIA, Greece, 338 B.C.—
The championship of Eupolus, well-known boxer from Thessaly, has been revoked by the Board of Governors, upon Eupolus's admission that he paid a money bribe to his opponent to "take a dive" during the recent boxing matches which were held here. In addition, heavy fines have been levied against both fighters.—Source: "Greek

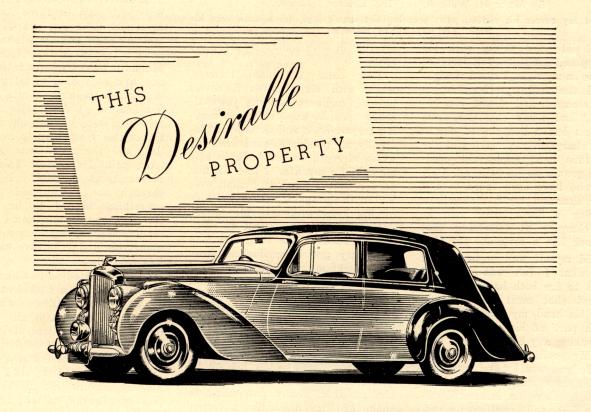
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# Rendezvous With a Lion

By Major H. Williams in "The Listener," London.

The lion lay across his victim, paws securing the man's legs, teeth sunk into his flesh. It was a bad moment.

ONCE into the patch, with the supposed dead lion well screened from me on my right, I stood straight up and stretched myself—when, to my amazement, and almost joy, believing I had a new customer, from my direct left a lion rushed out in a mad charge at me, making at the same time most unpleasant challenging growls as he galloped. Only those who have been faced with a similar situation could realise how unnerving a lion's growl can be when charging at something that must look like a certainty for him.

I held myself well in hand, and chose what I felt was the right moment to fire both barrels at him. My first shot must have closely missed his head, my second hit him through part of his shoulder, and, not breaking any bone, did not stop him. My position was not desperate. To run would have been useless. So there was nothing left for me but to face the infuriated onrushing beast and hope for the best, for I had no more cartridges on me. I stood motionless, gripping

my rifle in both hands to cover my front.

Now came the final moment, when, with his eyes as fierce as burning furnaces and his jaws already open, he appeared to be making for my neck and shoulders. Instantly my tension relaxed when my whole strength rushed back to help me fight for my life. I then hit him harder than I suppose I shall ever hit anything again, across the side of his head with my rifle barrel.

My blow had the effect of turning his head to one side, and with an angry growl he ducked down and caught my right leg, well fixed and closed with his teeth, and down I rolled under him, with my head and shoulders pinned beneath his body. I clung tightly to my rifle and made no attempt to resist him—I was powerless.

The lion then picked me up by my leg and slung me first one way then another, finally proceeding to shake me very much like a terrier shakes a rat. He then dragged me a short distance through fairly thick bush and finding an opening he stopped and again shook me. Suddenly he seemed to become more angry, changed his direction, and in so doing pulled my leg out of joint from the hip, the noise from which alarmed me. Another dragging, and the chosen corner found, he settled down and lay threequarters across me with the claws of his front paws securing me by my thighs and back, and his teeth never relaxed. Here he evidently intended to stay.

My mind by this time could only be likened to a railway junction with trains meeting each other from opposite directions on a single track, and any measurement of time was beyond me. I hoped my strength would hold out, for I was now losing blood freely. I had made up my mind when he had finished with my leg, and tried elsewhere, I would try to jam my rifle barrels down his throat, though I really doubt if I should have succeeded.

I caught sight of Ramazan, my head gunbearer, kneeling only a few feet away from me: the lion must have noticed him too. Ramazan fired immediately right through the lion's body only two or three feet away from me. The lion jumped off me, and lay with his head between his paws a few yards away from us. I called for two cartridges from Ramazan, and no sooner had I put them in my rifle than the brute made a final effort. I fired both my barrels together without having time to get the weapon up to my shoulder, and the recoil was just one more painful episode. This, thank Heaven, was the end! I suppose through the condition I was in, everything seemed to be moving, the lion in particular, and I insisted on Ramazan sitting by me with my other rifle and firing five more bullets into him.

I was operated on two hours after arrival, and for a considerable time it was touch and go whether I should live through it all. It was only owing to the care of Dr. Henderson and his staff at the Government hospital that I was able to be taken home, and I shall always hold in my thought the very happiest recollection of that little hospital right away in the heart of Africa.





# THE HORSE OF THE MONTH

There has always been a close connection between the late Frank McGrath of Randwick and citizens of Queensland, and when the Messrs. W. H. and C. W. Mace of the northern State had a colt by Midstream (imp.)—Hall Mark's sister to enter the racing game, it was almost natural for them to send the youngster to Frank to be put through its racing paces.

THIS was way back in 1943 before Shannon had brought lustre to the name of Midstream, but the colt in McGrath's stable didn't take long to make his mark on the Australian turf.

Murray Stream was the name selected for the Mace youngster and Sydneysiders saw him open his account in the Fernhill Handicap at Randwick on April 15, 1944.

The event is regarded by many keen students of racing as the first test of a two year-old's stamina and in the case of Murray Stream, the Fernhill victory certainly presaged a notable staying career on the Australian turf.

Sixteen victories followed the Fernhill and included in that impressive record were two wins in the richly-endowed Metropolitan Handicap at headquarters.

However, we appear to be going too fast, because Murray Stream won his two Metropolitans under the mentorship of Gordon Brown of Ascot.

The owners, in 1945, transferred the horse to Brown's stable and Gordon has never ceased to salute Dame Fortune for the chance he thus obtained of winning two of N.S.W.'s richest prizes as well as numerous other races of varying importance.

Shortly summarizing the career of Murray Stream, he won seventeen races and approximately £22,000 in stake money over distances ranging from six furlongs to one mile and five furlongs. However, the most interesting point of his career was the fact that he won over all these distances at odd times, and, whereas he might win over six furlongs to-day, he might prevail at a mile and a quarter to-morrow and back again at six furlongs the following day.

One thing does stand out in the case of Murray Stream that applies to a select few horses that have graced the Australian turf and that is the fact that Murray Stream, whenever he had the confidence of the trainer and owners, rarely failed

to carry out his part of the contract.

We have had our Phar Lap, Peter Pan, Rogilla and others, but, purely as a betting medium, it is doubtful if any of those or other champions have shown such a good result to their immediate connections.

In his seventeen victories Murray Stream started at the average price of 9/1 and he did not at any time win at odds of less than even money.

a hot field of sprinters over 7 furlongs in the Theo Marks Quality handicap at Rosehill and less than three weeks later he spreadeagled a field of first-class stayers in the mile and five furlongs of the Metropolitan at Randwick.

Three unique facts stand out when one delves into the career of this grand chestnut son of Midstream.

Firstly, he rarely if ever suffered the injuries that usually attend good performers on the turf. Season after season, old "Murray" was brought in to be prepared and al-



MURRAY STREAM.

When successful in his first Metropolitan in 1945 he figured at 10's in a firm market, but, despite several intervening successes, he was at 25/1 when he won the same event in 1947.

The above fact is hard to explain but possibly Murray Stream's versatility was not recognised by the rank and file of punters. As an illustration, it may be mentioned that on September 20, 1947, he beat most invariably he fulfilled the programme mapped out by Gordon Brown before being sent back to the paddocks for a well-earned spell.

Secondly, he was ridden by many different riders, many of them ace jockeys, but it was left to apprentice J. Eaves to become identified as almost part of the horse. This youngster rode Murray Stream in

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# STRANGE PETS OF THE FAMOUS

By Ian Mackay in "News Chronicle"

W HEN I read that Ernie Roderick, after his triumphant altercation with Eric Boon, went straight home to his wife, his pigeons and his Siamese cats, my dark, disordered mind, by some queer quirk, turned to Gerard de Nerval, Josephine Baker and Delysia.

Somehow or other the soothing picture of Roderick Dhu, after making an anvil of the Chatteris blacksmith's jaw, fondling his fantails and stroking his kittens made me think of other famous folks who have kept strange pets.

Inevitably my mind went back to poor half-daft de Nerval leading his live lobster on a pink string down the Boul' Mich on his way to the Two Maggots, where a half a century later I met the honey-coloured Josephine in white furs and a blue wig strolling sinuously along with a baby cheetah under one arm and a tame millionaire on the other.

Her Adorable Viper.

A BOUT the same time Delysia terrified the tax-gatherers at Dover by declaring her pet viper Rosalie, who she explained was "deadly but adorable" and a direct descendant of Cerastes, the historic snake that polished off Cleopatra. It was about then, too, that Lord Berners sold his baby elephants and his "house-trained rhinoceros" which was beginning to knock the Chippendale about. Harold Nicolson bought one of the elephants, which must be quite a big girl now.

When I went to Westminster first the Clerk of the Lords, the Hon. Edward Stonor, had a blackbird who whistled Grieg if you stroked his head and Mendelssohn if you tickled his belly.

Robert Lynd's Opinion.

THEN there was Clydesider John S. Clarke, who used to liven dull debates by producing a mongoose and once walked into the Map Room with a boa constrictor round his neck.

With unwonted savagery Robert Lynd once said that the man who treats pets with indifference should be struck off the electoral register.

But I doubt it even he would give more than one vote to Captain Clarke of Littlehampton, who kept two alligators, a number of boas, six pythons, an orang-utan and a half-hundredweight tortoise in his flat in the High Street. Nor, I fancy would Robert give electoral preference to the Brighton lady who keeps 14 goats in the kitchen.

A Paris Nightingale.

W HEN Sir George Clerk was Ambassador in Paris his wife had a tame nightingale which Litvinov was sure was made of clockwork. One night, like Keats's immortal bird, it faded away and was last heard singing in a pasteboard tree in a side-show in the Place Pigalle.

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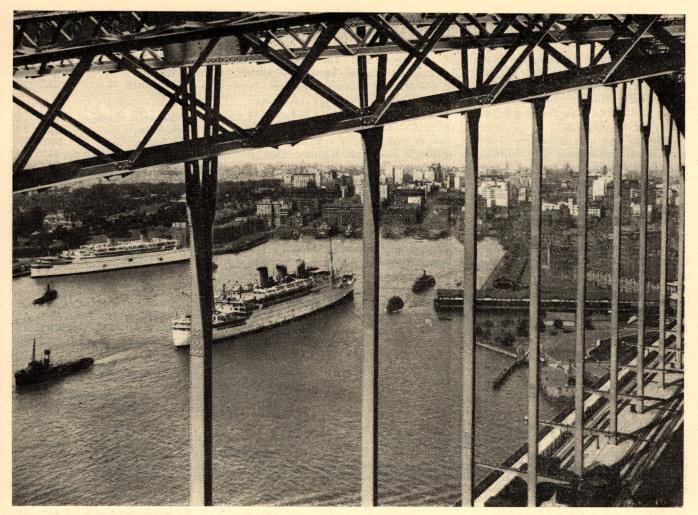
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A fast disappearing view of Circular Quay, Sydney. Railway construction engineers are pushing on with an overhead bridge immediately behind the ferry wharves, and most of the buildings shown now will become obliterated from this angle or other approaches. A late move is being made to obviate the necessity with counter schemes.

Perhaps it was on its way to meet its mate in Berkeley Square who was extremely vocal at the time.

Over in Hollywood there are plenty of pets. Gary Cooper has an almost human chimp, Jean Parker keeps a mountain lion in the garden, Margaret Sullavan a wild cat, Leo Carrillo a seal, Fay Wray a school of penguins and Ralph Bellamy a toad which is said to be the living image of a world-famous producer.

The most popular pet fancier of all, I should guess, is young Philip Flux, of Cowes, who breeds mink. When the war broke out he already had fourteen. I wonder who's kissing him now?

Footnote.—I once had a goldfish, but it looked so much like Ralph Lynn that the cat began to look like Robertson Hare. So I gave him to her and bought a budgerigar.

### CHURCHILL'S BUDDHA

G ENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON, possessed of a nimble wit while he lived, probably chuckled in the shades when his £98,055 will was made public.

Here are some of the things he bequeathed with some of his comments:

To Winston Churchill—a black Buddha (taken by Sir Ian and his Gurkha orderlies from a temple on the Mandalay road during the second Burmese war).

"In the worst stress of politics," says the will, "and when the heathen most do rage, a glance at the placid features of this emblem of divinity will help him to keep smiling."

And then there come these words—irrelevant, perhaps, but typical of the man:

"Here I would enter a remark for

the edification of those grave persons who read wills. Moved thereto by I know not what childish observation I used always to conclude my prayers by asking God to bless a certain list of elderly relatives winding up with a special request that He would fit me with a good wife.

"What I forgot to pray for was that I should be worthy of her when she came, which she did in due course.

These are the sword with ivory hilt that Sir Ian wore at the Dardanelles and also a small Afghan knife "said to have killed seven men and taken from the body of the Mullah with whom I fought that duel in September, 1879, which became the keystone of my military career."

# The Horse of the Month—Continued

seven of his wins, including the 1947 Metropolitan, and the best of the Randwick judges unhesitatingly agree that Murray Stream went better for Eaves than for any other prince of the pigskin.

Thirdly, and in conclusion, Murray Stream concluded his winning career by winning his first and only weight-for-age race.

The event in mind was the All Aged Stakes (1m.) at Randwick on March 31 of this year and the victory was no barren one as Money Moon and Victory Lad were the opponents that were relegated to the minor places.

Money Moon has since won the Alastair Clark Stakes and of Victory Lad nothing has to be said as his deeds are well-known to all and sundry.

After his initial win under the scale the owners decided to retire their grand performer to the stud,

but thought that the natives of Queensland should have a chance to see Murray Stream in action.

For this purpose they nominated for the O'Shea Stakes (W.F.A.) at the Q.T.C. Cup meeting and Murray Stream took his place in that event at Eagle Farm on Monday, May 3 of this year.

Misfortune prevented another win as his gear gave way during the race and young Eaves was not able to do his mount justice.

Murray Stream finished second to On Cor, and although he may not have beaten the winner he certainly would have abridged the gap of three lengths which separated him and the winner at the finish.

We will see better horses than "Murray" in years to come, but not many that will prove to be such bonanzas to their connections as this chestnut son of Midstream and Hall Mark's Sister.

# Loss of Both Legs was No Bar

Many years ago I visited Garden Island (Sydney Harbour) at the invitation of a high-up employee of the R.A.N. to see a certain player perform on the tennis court. He was good, although slower in his movements than confreres. Asked my opinion afterwards I expressed myself as set out. Imagine my surprise, however, when I learned the truth—the player in question had lost both his legs!

THE other day I bumped into an old war-injured chum, and in

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the midst of all the "do-you-remembers" he remarked that he was on his way to a dance. Now when I last saw him he was minus a leg, due to a mix-up in Normandy, and therefore I looked a little surprised. "Why not," he said, "if you really want to do a thing you'll do it." That set me thinking about sportsmen whose war injuries threatened to bar them from sport—"threatened to," but didn't, because they wanted to play again and persevered.

At Wimbledon Hans Redl, a 33-year-old Viennese lost his arm on the Dnieper river fighting during the Russian campaign. Hans caught a full burst from a tommy-gun and, as he lapsed into unconsciousness, the thought flashed across his mind: "Never mind, it's the left arm; you'll still be able to play tennis."

He added that if he had lost his right arm he would have started to learn all over again as a lefthander.

# Racing Fixtures

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S.T.C. (Rosehill)	
DECEMBER.	
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) S.T.C. (Rosehill)	SAT. 4 SAT. 11
Australian Jockey Club	SAT. 18
Australian Jockey Club	MON. 27

DURING Henley Regatta (Eng.) Capt. Alan Burrough, stroke of the Thames Rowing Club pair, coiled and uncoiled himself in the gruelling heats for the Silver Goblets, and it was hard to realise that he has an artificial limb as a result of the war.

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